



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Council Member Jim Bennett, Council Member Emilio Carlesimo, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member David Sherman, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels and Mayor John Holic

Also Present

City Attorney Dave Persson, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Heather Taylor, and for certain items on the agenda: Community Development Director Jeff Shrum, Senior Planner Scott Pickett, Planner Roger Clark, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, Utilities Director Len Bramble, Airport Administrator Chris Rozansky, and Finance Director Jeff Snyder.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stelzer offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Carlesimo.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak for audience participation.

Mayor Holic commented on the ratification of contracts for police sergeants and lieutenants, and firefighters.

II. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates to approve items in the Consent Section. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A. MAYOR

14-0745 Remove John Myers from the Environmental Advisory Board

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

14-0746 Extend Term of Office to the Police Pension Board of Trustees: Ernest

Skinner (until October 31, 2016), Kevin McGrath (until September 30, 2017), Andrew DeVries (until September 30, 2016), and Andy Leisenring (until September 30, 2016).

These Appointments were approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY CLERK

14-0747 Approval of Minutes - February 3, 2014 Town Hall, February 21, 2014 Strategic Planning, February 28, 2014 Special Meeting, April 8, 2014 Regular Meeting, April 29, 2014 Special Meeting, June 10, 2014 Regular Meeting

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. CITY MANAGER

Administrative Services

14-0748 Approve Workers' Compensation Claim Settlement, Joe Whitehead, \$30,100.00

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

14-0749 Ratify Agreement, International Association of Firefighters, (I.A.F.F.) Local 2546, Effective October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

14-0750 Ratify Agreement International Association of Firefighters, (I.A.F.F.) Local 2546, Effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

14-0751 Ratify Agreement, Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.), Police Officers, Effective October 1, 2013 Through September 30, 2014

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

14-0752 Ratify Agreement, Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.), Police Officers, Effective October 1, 2014 Through September 30, 2017

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

14-0753 Ratify Agreement, Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.), Sergeants and Lieutenants, Effective October 1, 2013 Through September 30, 2014

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

14-0754 Ratify Agreement, Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.), Sergeants and Lieutenants, Effective October 1, 2014 Through September 30, 2017

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Airport

- 14-0755** Approve the Joint Automated Capital Improvement Program (JACIP) Update

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Finance

- 14-0756** Disposal of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Historical Resources

- 14-0757** Approval to Apply and, if Awarded, Accept a Museum Assessment Program (MAP) Grant Administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), \$4,000 Maximum. If Awarded, the City's Participation Fee Would be \$350

This Request was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Police

- 14-0758** Approve Agreement Between the School Board of Sarasota County and City of Venice, School Resource Officer Program (July 1, 2014 - June 20, 2015)

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Public Works

- 14-0759** Request to Purchase One Refuse Truck from Nextran Truck Center-Tampa, \$263,587.00

This Request was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

- 14-0760** Request to Purchase One Truck, a Vac-Con Sewer Combination Cleaner Body on a Freightliner Chassis From Southern Sewer Equipment Sales, \$390,311.64

This Request was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- CON. NO. 09-2014** Approve Contract, Eastside Water Reclamation Facility Reclaimed Water Filtration Project (ITB # 2985-14) With TLC Diversified, Inc., \$1,758,000

This Contract was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 14-0761** Approve Work Assignment No. 2, Change Order No. 1, Reverse Osmosis Membrane Replacement Owner's Representative, MWH Americas, Inc., \$96,000.00
This Work Assignment was approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 14-0762** Approve Amendment No. 2, Reverse Osmosis Membrane Replacement/SCADA Upgrade Design-Build Agreement, The Haskell Company
This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 14-0763** Approve Work Assignment No. 10, Construction Inspection Services, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., \$175,000.00
This Work Assignment was approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 14-0764** Approve Work Assignment No. 08, Construction Inspection Services, Atkins North America, Inc., \$137,200.00
This Work Assignment was approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 14-0765** Approve Work Assignment No. 9, GIS Utility Mapping Services, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., \$108,984.00
This Work Assignment was approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 14-0766** Approve Purchase of Lift Station Odor Control Chemicals, Evoqua Water Technologies, in the Amount of \$35,500 for a Total Amount of \$125,500
This Request was approved on the Consent Agenda.
- 14-0767** Approve Purchase of Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant Odor Control Chemicals, Weatherford, in the Amount of \$30,000 for a Total Amount of \$130,000
This Request was approved on the Consent Agenda.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. COUNCIL ACTION

- 14-0768** Special Event Modification Request for REV3
Candice Roberts, REV3 Coordinator, reviewed past race events, commented on "the little REVY" race, the objective of the race, advised council of minor changes to the race start time for the kids triathlon, and answered council's questions regarding notification to grant providers.
Mayor Holic noted that adjacent business owners are aware of and

support the changes.

A motion was made by Council Member Carlesimo, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to approve Item No. 14-0768. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

14-2PP**PRELIMINARY PLAT - WINDWOOD**

Owner: Neal Communities of SW Florida LLC

Agent: Jeffrey A. Boone, Esquire

Staff: Roger Clark, Planner

Mayor Holic stated this is a quasi-judicial hearing.

Mr. Persson queried council members on ex-parte communications and conflicts of interest. Mr. McKeon, Mayor Holic, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Daniels disclosed site visit with no communication.

Mr. Clark, being duly sworn, provided background on the case, displayed an aerial photograph of the property, and site photos, discussed existing and future land uses, zoning map designations, Joint Planning Agreement (JPA) land use, landscape requirements, staff findings to include compliance with the city's Land Development Regulations (LDR) and Comprehensive Plan, and consistency with approved Windwood PUD, Planning Commission findings, and proposed motions, and answered council's questions regarding the county tree ordinance, and irrigation.

Jeff Boone, Boone Law Firm, being duly sworn, provided a brief overview of the request, responded to council's questions regarding the inadvertent act of tree removal, and the tree mitigation plan.

John Henslick, Environmental Consultant, being duly sworn, responded to council's concerns regarding burning and alternative options.

Discussion followed on county burn-offs, previously planned development units, and the need for a local ordinance for controlled burning.

A motion was made by Council Member Sherman, seconded by Council Member Bennett, to approve Preliminary Plat Petition No. 14-2PP, Windwood. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

14-0769

Remand Laurel Road Medical Campus Site Plan 07-3SP (Sarasota County Public Hospital Board) to the Planning Commission for Review and Consideration

Mr. Persson provided a brief history on the item, and reviewed the reason for the request.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to approve Item No. 14-0769.

Discussion followed on deferment to the Planning Commission.

Charles Bailey, Williams Parker Harrison Dietz and Getzen, summarized the case to include previous approval and denial of standing, an appeal by Venice Regional Health Management Associates (HMA), procedural matters, and the request to have the application reviewed anew, and responded to council's questions regarding proposed property use.

Jeff Boone, Venice Regional Medical Center Representative, referenced a pending appeal and lawsuit, commented on reasons for the delay, provided background on the case, displayed a newspaper article regarding Sarasota Memorial's request to the court, and commented on determination of proper procedures being followed, Venice Regional being a party to the proceeding and being copied on all correspondence, and the rezone of the property to allow for a medical complex.

Mr. Persson provided clarification on the process and the purpose of the case.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

14-0770

Send Letter of Support to Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners to Use General Government Impact Fee Funds for the Construction of a Mid-County Tax Collector's Office

A motion was made by Council Member Carlesimo, seconded by Council Member Sherman, to approve Item No. 14-0770.

Mr. Lavallee discussed a Board of County Commissioners letter announcing their intentions and request for support, and suggested that council send a letter of support.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

14-0771

License Agreement, Construct Elevated Balcony with Columns Within Public Right-of-Way, Belfiore Revocable Trust, Adjacent to 307 W. Venice Avenue

Ms. Weeden reviewed the request to include tree relocation, performance bond, lighting, and the timeframe for completion.

John Belfiore, owner, spoke to the arches, columns, and his intentions.

Discussion followed on the timeliness of the project, and sidewalk terrain.

A motion was made by Council Member Sherman, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve Item No. 14-0771. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Recess was taken from 10:20 a.m. until 10:29 a.m.

14-1WV

Approve Development Order 14-1WV, Waiver of Venetian Urban Design District Standards to Allow a 165 Seat Restaurant, Old Salty Dog Restaurant, 1485 S. Tamiami Trail

Ms. Stelzer read the notice of public hearing.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing and stated this is a quasi-judicial hearing.

Mr. Persson queried council members on ex-parte communications and conflicts of interest. Mr. McKeon and Mayor Holic disclosed site visits with no communication.

Mr. Pickett, being duly sworn, provided an overview of the project to include compliance with Planned Unit Development (PUD) standards, and parking, summarized the waiver request, and the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the plan with the conditions of landscaping adjacent to property lines and the provision of a crosswalk between the parking area and restaurant building, displayed the landscaping plan reviewed by the Planning Commission, and discussed the revised site plan, and proposed actions.

Discussion followed on the accommodation of an additional buffer, fencing between the boat lot and car dealership, and the undue hardship of having to modify the plan.

Tim Roane, Kimley Horn and Associates, being duly sworn, commented on the functionality of the site plan, requested waivers, the change of the parking layout, and the possible removal of the fence.

Discussion followed on upgrading the building, relocation of boats in the parking lot, consistency of the back side of the building with the front, and landscaping improvements.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Sherman, to approve Development Order No. 14-1WV, Waiver of Venetian Urban Design District standards to allow a 165 seat restaurant, Old Salty Dog Restaurant, 1485 S. Tamiami Trail. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

14-0772

Approval to Execute a Quit Claim Deed Transferring a Portion of the North-South Connector (Jacaranda Blvd.) Right-of-Way to Sarasota County

Ms. Stelzer read the notice of public hearing.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Weeden provided an overview on the property to include requested right-of-way mapping and surveying, and maintenance standards.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Gates, to execute the quit claim deed transferring a portion of the North-South Connector (Jacaranda Boulevard) right-of-way to Sarasota County. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORD. NO. 2014-16 WILL BE HEARD AT 1:30 P.M. - AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE DELAYED OR MOVED FORWARD TO ACCOMMODATE THIS PUBLIC HEARING

ORD. NO. Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida,
2014-16 Relating to Property Located Between Laurel and Border Road,
Commonly Referred to as the VICA Property, as Reflected in Rezoning
Petition No. 14-1RZ for the Rezoning of the Property Described Therein,
from Residential, Multiple-Family-1 (RMF-1) Zoning District to Planned
Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District (Quasi-Judicial Hearing)

The agenda was reordered to hear this Item at 1:30 p.m.

ORD. NO. Amending the City of Venice, Florida, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 2,
2014-17 Administration, Article VI, Code Enforcement, Division 2, Code
Enforcement Board, Section 2-321, Established; Membership, by
Deleting an Ex-Officio Member; Chapter 86, Land Development Code,
Article II, Administration and Review Authorities, Sections 86-23(b) and
(c), Planning Commission, Ex Officio Members and Term of Members,
by Deleting Subsection (b) Amending Subsection (c) and Relettering the
Remainig Subsections, to Delete Appointment of an Ex Officio Member;
Section 86-25(a)(3), Architectural Review Board, Composition, by
Deleting the Appointment of an Ex Officio Member; Section 86-28(a)
(4)c, Historic Preservation Board, by Deleting Subsection (4)c, Ex Officio
Members; and Relettering the Remaining Subsections, to Delete
Appointment of Ex Officio Members

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing and Ms. Stelzer stated no written communication had been received.

Mr. Shrum provided a background on the ordinance request, and noted the purpose for the request.

Mr. Persson stated there will be a resolution presented regarding the

role of a liaison.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Carlesimo, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Ordinance No. 2014-17 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carlesimo, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mayor Holic

III. NEW BUSINESS - CONTINUED

B. ORDINANCES

ORD. NO. Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Elections; by Amending
2014-21 Section 22-1, Procedure for Qualifying for Office; Section 22-6,
 Certification of Election Results

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only and provided a brief introduction to include the change of dates between the primary and general elections and mailing of overseas ballots.

Following the motion, discussion took place regarding sign dates.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member McKeon, that Ordinance No. 2014-21 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carlesimo, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mayor Holic

ORD. NO. Amending the City of Venice, Florida, Code of Ordinance, Chapter 74,
2014-20 Utilities, Article II, Water, Division 1, Generally, Section 74-45, Cross
 Connections, by Adopting the July 2014 Revision of the City of Venice
 Cross Connection Control Manual

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mr. Bramble introduced Ralph Ward, Supervisor of Technical Unit, provided a history of the request, and commented on current ordinance requirements.

Mr. Ward discussed the reasons for the change, and lower costs to citizens, displayed photos of above and below ground installations, and existing and proposed program comparisons, and explained homeowner options, and commercial backflow requirements.

Discussion ensued on communication with new developers, water pressure, monthly billing for backflow testing, the percentage of residential customers needing installation, and bulk pricing for new valves.

A motion was made by Council Member Sherman, seconded by Council Member Bennett, that Ordinance No. 2014-20 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carlesimo, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mayor Holic

C. PRESENTATIONS

- 14-0773** Jon Thaxton, Director of Community Investment, Gulf Coast Community Foundation and Wayne Applebee, Director of Homeless Services, Sarasota County: Homeless Initiative Report (10 min.)
- Donald Hadsell, Director Office of Housing and Community Development, provided an overview to include recent projects, and grants received.
- Mr. Thaxton provided a background to include services for assistance to children and families, proposed intake portal locations, acquiring three to five foreclosed residences, the emergency intake portal at the North Port Human Services building, church participation, acquisition of a day center, and allocation of funds.
- Mr. Applebee further discussed the request of support, and the finalized action plan on allocation of funds to be presented to county commission.
- Discussion followed on Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funds currently in the budget, action requested of council, letter of support, and partnership with the Salvation Army.
- A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member McKeon, that Council support and endorse fully the presentation today on homeless families in the North Port area and to write a letter to the Board of County Commissioners. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.
- 14-0774** Kat Quast, Executive Director and Bob Cushing, Board Member, Venice MainStreet: Venice Avenue Gateway Electronic Sign Proposal (15 min.)
- Ms. Quast provided a history of the project.
- Mr. Cushing discussed the entrance sign, initial proposal ideas, and pricing.
- Ms. Quast commented on Venice MainStreet preferences to include H & H Signs, and cost, color, and size, and referenced VMS Reader Board Guidelines.
- Discussion followed on coloring, sign code requirements, staff approval, mobility study funding, and benefits of the sign.
- There was consensus to direct staff to research the electronic sign proposal.

14-0775

Jack Bauer, Lord Higel House Volunteer: Parking for the Lord Higel House (10 min.)

Mr. Bauer explained the requested 14 foot lot line extension, and trees located on the property, requested use of the ground to the east of the slash pine tree, and displayed a conceptual plan.

Discussion followed on utilization of the trees.

There was consensus to take the trees into consideration during further discussion of parking lot construction.

Recess was taken from 12:02 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney Kelly Fernandez replaced Mr. Persson at the dais.

14-0776

Erin Gentle and Christopher Hatton, Kimley-Horn and Associates: Downtown Mobility Study (20 min.)

Without objection, Mayor Holic reordered the agenda to discuss the Downtown Mobility Study.

Mr. Hatton provided a project overview to include wayfinding implementation, approved event sign placement, multimodal recommendations, parking districts and ownership, public parking occupancy summary, and parking recommendations, discussed the concurrency assessment, and displayed an implementation table.

Discussion followed regarding new development fees within the City of Sarasota, different classes of wayfinding signs, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) sign standards and regulations, peak times for public parking, budget, data collection with regards to special events, and existing and proposed dimensions for Tamiami Trail north and Milan Avenue.

Ms. Weeden commented on the compromise with Sarasota County SCAT, and resurfacing from Palermo Place to Venice Avenue.

Discussion ensued on the Venice Avenue bridge, addition of sharrows west of Maxine Barritt Park, bike lanes next to parked cars, the status of the wayfinding signage project, and funding.

There was consensus to schedule a workshop on the downtown mobility study.

**ORD. NO.
2014-16**

Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Relating to Property Located Between Laurel and Border Road, Commonly Referred to as the VICA Property, as Reflected in Rezoning Petition No. 14-1RZ for the Rezoning of the Property Described Therein, from Residential, Multiple-Family-1 (RMF-1) Zoning District to Planned

Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District (Quasi-Judicial Hearing)

Mayor Holic announced this is a quasi-judicial procedure.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Fernandez provided a point of clarification as to why the hearing is being held again and recommended rescinding council's prior vote. She clarified that staff and the applicant will review information and that comments/questions are recommended to be stated again.

Jeff Boone, Boone Law Firm, being duly sworn, stated that for the purpose of the record public comment previously made can be considered, and that staff and the applicant have a burden regarding written and verbal record.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Bennett, that the vote for Ordinance No. 2014-16 at the June 10, 2014 meeting be rescinded. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carlesimo, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mayor Holic

A motion was made by Council Member Bennett, seconded by Council Member Daniels, that the prior record be incorporated into the minutes and record of this meeting in its entirety. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carlesimo, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mayor Holic

Ms. Fernandez queried council members on ex-parte communications and conflicts of interest. Ms. Gates disclosed communications after the vote. Mr. McKeon disclosed site visits. Mayor Holic disclosed site visits and communications after the vote. Mr. Carlesimo disclosed a tour of the property. Mr. Bennett disclosed site visits and communications after the vote.

Ms. Stelzer stated that 148 written communications were received.

Mr. Shrum, being duly sworn, provided an overview of the application, noted that staff is requesting all documentation be added as public record, displayed a location aerial, commented on subject and surrounding properties, existing zoning, future land use, planned unit development (PUD) zoning standards, aspects and information for the proposed VICA PUD binding master plan, and requested modifications to include setbacks, roadway design, building height, signage, and language to allow for administrative determinations of minor modifications. He discussed concurrency, staff considerations presented to the Planning Commission, consistency with the comprehensive plan and land development code, provided a summary staff analysis, and

spoke to issues raised in public correspondence to include wildlife corridors, inconsistencies with density of surrounding areas, payment for infrastructure, Planning Commission action, and proposed motions.

Mr. Boone commented on the current and proposed property zoning, provided history on the property, and displayed a 1981 future land use map, and discussed items that Neal Communities has agreed to modify per staff's request.

Jim Collins, Boone Law Firm, being duly sworn, reviewed the binding concept plan to include proposed uses, buffers, signage, and proposed modifications.

Recess was taken from 2:58 p.m. until 3:04 p.m.

Millard Yoder, Stantec Engineer, being duly sworn, explained the PUD plan in regards to maximizing buffers, and minimizing the development footprint, discussed the specifics of the typical sections proposal, reducing the impervious surface area, the benefits of sidewalks on one side, and answered council's questions regarding sidewalks on the east side of Jacaranda Boulevard.

Alec Hoffner, ECo Consultants, Inc., being duly sworn, provided an overview of his education and work history, and with reference to the displayed habitat map he commented on the wetlands, eagles nest protection zones, prior agricultural use of the property, sustainable environmental practices to be used on the property, and project goals.

John Henslick, being duly sworn, provided an overview on his education and work history, and commented on the staff report presented, the comprehensive plan in regards to protection of native habitats, the innovative stormwater management plan, and species currently located on the property.

Leisa Weintraub, Vice President of Marketing, Neal Communities, being duly sworn, commented on the company philosophy, other Neal Communities in the area, the architectural theme, landscaping, and community amenities.

Maryann Grgic, Community and Governmental Relations, Neal Communities, being duly sworn, commented on public meetings, the local town hall meeting presentation, the unanimous approval from the Venetian Golf and River Club Community Association, and read excerpts from a letter from Jerry Jasper.

Pat Neal, Neal Communities, being duly sworn, discussed Neal Communities commitment, economics, earning and building trust with

the community, and the destruction of a series of trees at Windwood, stated that the intent of Neal Communities is to prove the standard they feel is important, and asked that council approve the requested modifications.

Discussion followed on the donation of property for recreational field use, community meetings and citizen engagement, and the use of reclaimed water for irrigation.

Audience Participation

Kevin Barton, being duly sworn, commented on the need for a buffer along Border Road, and expressed his concern with the wildlife corridor connectivity.

Walter Rossman, 203 High Point Drive, being duly sworn, commented on density compatibility, signage on the public road, and infrastructure, and expressed concern with the need to increase the police force.

Pat Wayman, 3071 Border Road, being duly sworn, commented on wetlands, wildlife and nature preservation, and land restrictions, and referred to the Planning Commission's statement regarding density reduction.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Sherman, seconded by Council Member Bennett, that Ordinance No. 2014-16 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.

Following the motion, a portion of the ordinance was read for clarification, and discussion took place regarding sidewalks.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to amend the motion to state "a. Sidewalks will be required on one side of the street only." The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carlesimo, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mayor Holic

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels that Ordinance No. 2014-16 be amended to include the sign on Jacaranda Boulevard. This motion failed due to lack of a second.

Discussion took place regarding the optional access point, and signage.

A motion was made by Council Member Carlesimo, seconded by Council Member McKeon, that Ordinance No. 2014-16 be amended to add "d. If the northwest optional access is utilized, developer may construct an additional subdivision sign on VICA property consistent with the sign code." The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carlesimo, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mayor Holic

The motion, as amended, carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carlesimo, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mayor Holic

14-0777 Airport Administrator Chris Rozansky and Procurement Manager Peter Boers: Responses to Request for Letters of Interest to Develop the Circus Arena Property

Recess was taken from 4:22 p.m. until 4:29 p.m.

Mr. Boers commented the Circus Arena Property to include requests for letters of interest, site visits, the receipt of three proposals, and the recommendation to move forward.

Mr. Carlesimo left the dais at 4:33 p.m. and returned at 4:36 p.m.

Mr. Rozansky reviewed the three proposals to include Venice Circus Adventure Golf, LLC, Venice Circus Arts Foundation, and Tito Gaona's Flying Trapeze School, and discussed possible uses of the existing structures, lease options, financial capabilities, and consistency with the city's comprehensive plan.

Discussion followed regarding the trapeze school's current rent equivalency with square footage, packaging all three proposals together, protecting the steel, consideration of solar panels, economic feasibility, rent requirements, the negotiation process, the need for an updated proposal, previous miniature golf courses in the city, complete demolition of the steel structure, possibly hiring a realtor, and what it would take to bring the building to code.

Mayor Holic expressed concern with only receiving three proposals, stated the request may be unclear of what the city is looking for or that Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) expectations may be too high, and proposed allowing the trapeze school for now and reopening the letter of interest.

Discussion followed on other possibilities for the lack of response to include the steel structure, the need for a hotel, and submission of ideas if the structure were to be demolished.

Mr. Lavallee clarified contents of the letter of interest regarding removal of the arena.

Discussion ensued regarding another letter of interest being sent out providing clarity to the removal of the structure, use of a realtor, letter of interest deadline, bids from commercial realtors, and the Venice Circus Arts Foundation (VCAF).

Audience participation

Larry Ivey commented on the three letters of interest compatibility, retaining the circus heritage in Venice, reasons why VCAF have had a hard time raising money, and suggested negotiations with the three interested parties.

Orlando Bevington, VCAF, commented on the airport income received over the last 20 years, honoring history, leasing options, embracing the circus, and partnership with the city.

Discussion followed on partial demolition, opportunities, constraints on the property, funding, and previous allocation of time to secure funding.

John Mischel, Venice Circus Adventure Golf, LLC, commented on the first impression of the arena property, stated the property is overvalued, displayed a sample golf course, and commented on beautification of the corridor, financial risk, assistance with water, sewer, and electric, lease rate negotiations, and past golf courses in the area.

Discussion continued on negotiating the FAA rate, and further researching the proposal.

Mr. Mischel commented on trend setting, tying circus history into the golf course, and answered council's questions regarding maintaining the octagonal building.

Mr. Rozansky provided clarification on rent, and stated that negotiation is based on demand.

Mr. Daniels left the meeting at 5:54 p.m. and did not return.

Mr. Mischel stated he has sent his plan to the bank, and commented on how he found out about the property.

Mr. Lavalley commented on unforeseeable infrastructure issues, constraints, and considerations.

Mr. Sherman reminded council of his request to review for budget the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program.

Recess was taken from 6:06 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on July 23, 2014.

There was consensus to direct staff to send out another letter of interest, for Mr. Rozansky to negotiate terms with Mr. Mischel, and to support the partnership with Mr. Gaona.

14-0778 Finance Director Jeff Snyder: History of Infrastructure Surtax Phase III (One Cent Sales Tax) (20 min.)

The meeting reconvened on July 23 at 9:00 a.m. All were present with the exception of Mr. Sherman and Mr. Bennett. Mr. Persson took Ms. Fernandez's place at the dais.

Mr. Lavallee left the dais to present this item.

Discussion took place on presentations not being on the agenda to allow for proper notification to citizens for audience participation, time allotted for certain items, the process of making motions on a presentation, and receiving documentation with ample review time.

Ms. Stelzer reviewed the agenda procedure and timeline.

Discussion followed on agenda updates, and previous discussions to reduce the amount of back up material.

Mr. Snyder requested this item be continued until the August 12, 2014 meeting.

14-0782 City Manager Ed Lavallee and Finance Director Jeff Snyder: Proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget; Set Millage Rate and Public Hearing Dates (20 min.)

Mr. Snyder provided an overview of the topics of discussion.

Mr. Lavallee discussed the five strategic goals and their relation to the budget.

Discussion followed on the need to focus on the planning and building departments for proper staffing and budget.

Mr. Snyder and Mr. Lavallee discussed economic considerations, the city manager's objectives, taxable values, new construction/additions, millage rates, tax revenue history, and the impact to ad valorem tax collection.

Discussion followed on the timeframe for revenue to be realized, the value of new construction, calculation of increased revenue, the possibility of a satellite office, and tax reductions for residents.

Mr. Snyder reviewed the combined millage rates from fiscal year 2014 and fiscal year 2015, the millage rate impact on \$100,000 taxable value, ad valorem taxes to average Venice property owners, millage rate to property owner, and per month charge to property owners.

Mr. Lavallee proposed staffing additions.

Discussion followed regarding staffing additions, fleet insurance and maintenance tracking, and the capability of analyzing fleet.

Mr. Lavallee and Mr. Snyder continued the presentation on staff changes during fiscal year 2014, and staff recommendations.

Discussion ensued on emergency reserve funds, millage, fire and police pensions, and outcomes.

Recess was taken from 10:41 a.m. until 10:51 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to approve the dates for the public hearing on millage and budget set for 5:01 p.m. on September 9, 2014 and September 23, 2014. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Carlesimo, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve that for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 the preliminary operating millage rate to be set at 3.1000 mills and the debt service millage rate be set at .1920 mills.

Discussion followed regarding manufactured homes that would be negatively affected by a higher millage rate.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to amend the millage rate to 3.6000 mills.

Discussion followed regarding the settlement of the union contract, seeing how things progress over the year, limiting the use of the funds to pay down the pension deficit, allowing for flexibility, the historical rate of returns, and the improving economy.

The motion carried by voice vote with Ms. Gates and Mr. Carlesimo opposed.

The motion, as amended, carried by voice vote with Ms. Gates and Mr. Carlesimo opposed.

D. RESOLUTIONS

RES. NO. Identifying Reclaimed Water Customers of the City for Whom Credits or
2014-23 Reimbursements of Certain Rates, Fees, or Charges; Will be Made;
Establishing the Length of Time that is Applicable to Credits or
Reimbursements; Establishing Procedures and Processes for
Addressing Partial Occupancy During the Applicable Length of Time
Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

Mayor Holic commented on the process of determining the settlement amount.

A motion was made by Council Member Carlesimo, seconded by Council Member Daniels, that Resolution No. 2014-23 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mr. Carlesimo, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mayor Holic

Absent: 2 - Mr. Bennett and Mr. Sherman

RES. NO. Request for "Downtown Venice Historic District" Wayfinding Signs from
2014-25 the Florida Department of Transportation and the Sarasota County Board of Commissioners

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

Following the motion, discussion took place regarding ownership of the land on the north entrance of the island, and the agreement including the authority to place signage.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels, that Resolution No. 2014-25 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mr. Carlesimo, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mayor Holic

Absent: 2 - Mr. Bennett and Mr. Sherman

RES. NO. Authorizing the City to Proceed with the Submittal of an Application for
2014-26 State Funds Under Provisions of Section 161.091, Florida Statutes, to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Resource Management, Beaches and Mines Via the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 for the Venice Beach Maintenance Nourishment Project; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Application and Other Required Documentation; Authorizing the City Manager to Initiate Any Related Action Incidental Thereto

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Resolution No. 2014-26 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mr. Carlesimo, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mayor Holic

Absent: 2 - Mr. Bennett and Mr. Sherman

V. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer informed council that an annexation ordinance will be added to the upcoming special meeting.

City Manager

14-0779 Staff Update on Short-Term Parking Solutions (10 min.)

Mr. Lavallee provided an update on the parking expansion project, and responded to council's questions regarding the county's policy for parking on grass.

Discussion followed regarding the property under the KMI bridge, possible grants, private partnerships, site six and seven modified plans, and the possibility of negotiating an agreement with the county to obtain property.

Mr. Lavallee continued his update on each potential parking property.

Discussion ensued on a letter of interest to solicit a partnership, short term solution options, and improvements on city and/or county owned properties.

Ms. Weeden informed council that there is no funding set aside, and that a design build will need an identified funding source.

Dan Boone, Boone Law Firm, on behalf of Venice Golf Association, commented on the two drawings presented by staff, and noted the fence requirement was included in the cost estimate.

Discussion followed regarding letters of interest, the need for funding for this season, funds in reserves in excess of emergency requirements, utility funds, the agreement with Venice Pier Group, and improvements on city or county owned properties.

Mr. Lavallee stated that council will need to be given a clear view of ownership access and a funding source, suggested getting exact prices and a timeline, initiating letter of agreement, and bring council a proposed funding source, and commented on obtaining an agreement with FDOT, Hamilton condominium owners, and depending on council's interest, an agreement with Venice Golf Association.

Discussion followed on the government process slowing down the objective, and handling the project in phases in order to meet the timeline.

Ms. Weeden clarified the need for a lease agreement with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for approval, parking blocks, prioritization, and the need for a funding source.

There was consensus to move forward with Phase 1 of the project including only city and county owned property. There was consensus to direct staff to send out letters of interest offering the opportunity for private partners to propose a parking improvement plan for the city.

VI. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Holic

- 14-0700** Report on Meeting with Community Religious Leaders Regarding Proposal for Service to the Community
- Mayor Holic commented on a meeting with community religious leaders regarding the city providing food for children who would normally get back pack food, and asked that the city provide volunteer work for students applying for scholarships.
- There was consensus to provide service work for students that need volunteer time.**
- 14-0780** Signs on Public Property
- Mayor Holic commented on the relocation of the Lord Higel House sign.
- Mr. Lavallee suggested there be an end date on such signage.
- 14-0781** Appointment of Kathie Ebaugh, Planning Commission Non-Voting Representative
- Mayor Holic commented on Friends of Pinebrook Park students doing work in the city, and the need to amend the code to allow for the appointment of a member recommended by the school board as a non-voting representative to the Planning Commission.
- Ms. Stelzer provided clarification on the process of revising the ordinance.
- There was consensus to revise the ordinance to allow for the appointment of a non-voting representative on the Planning Commission.**
- Mayor Holic commented on the Father Fish mural being presented to the Public Art Advisory Board and then to the Planning Commission, and noted the item should have come to council for consideration, and it will be further discussed with the city attorney.
- Mayor Holic further commented on non-bargaining employee raises, and suggested Mr. Snyder determine a pay increase to be included in the upcoming budget meeting.
- There was consensus to ask the finance department to determine pay increase percentages to be included in the budget discussion for non-bargaining employees.**
- Ms. Gates commented on the Public Art Advisory Board meeting regarding Ringling College students painting city dumpsters, the installation of a bicycle structure, the installation of a fountain at Ruscelletto Park, and volunteer work at Caspersen Beach and Heritage

Park, and noted that Visit Sarasota does not have a city representative.

Mr. Daniels commented on the Tourist Development Council's (TDC) efforts to get funding.

Mr. McKeon commented on the Planning Commission's meeting regarding Father Fish Aquarium.

Mr. Carlesimo commented on the July 10, 2014 Council of Government meeting, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's meeting regarding fountain approval.


VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak for audience participation.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mayor - City of Venice



City Clerk
